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Title: RIBBONED POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING FIBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, AND POLARIZATION-MAINTAINING OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY USING THE SAME

1. Papers enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

- 32 Page(s) of Specification
- 6 Page(s) of Claims
- 1 Page(s) of Abstract
- 7 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1(a)-9(c))

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- ☒ A Patent Application Bibliographic Data
- ☐ A Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☐ PTO Form-1449

2. Additional Papers to Follow Under Separate Cover

- ☒ A combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ A Claim for Priority and certified copies of:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-392675	December 25, 2000
Japan	2001-355756	November 21, 2001

- ☒ An Assignment Transmittal and Assignment of the invention to:

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4. Nonpublication Request Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

☐ Applicants hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

☐ Applicants hereby request that the attached application **not** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

5. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting, after the title and before the first line, the following paragraph:

--This application claims priority from Japanese Application 2000-392675 filed December 25, 2000 and Japanese Application 2001-355756 filed November 21, 2001; the entireties of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

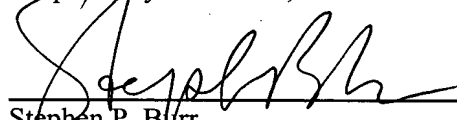
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